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Re: Amending Proposed Initiative, File #SA2005RF0077

Dear Ms. Knight,

There were two small typographical errors in the amended text of our Initiative Constitutional Amendment, the Voters' Right to Protect Marriage Initiative, that we filed earlier today (Friday, June 3), which was within the 15-day period allowed for substantive amendments to our initiative, which was originally submitted on Thursday, May 19, 2005.

Attached is the text of the amended initiative, which incorporates the corrections of the typographical errors. The two corrections are on the line that reads:

Section 3: Marriage Protection

- 1. We added an additional space after "Section 3:"
- 2. We removed an unnecessary colon after the word "Protection"

Thank you very much for your time and service. Should you have any questions or require additional information, you can contact us through VoteYesMarriage.com, P.O. Box 511, Sacramento, CA 95812 (916) 265-5643.

Sincerely,	
Larry/Bowler	· ·
Ed Hernandez	
Randy Thomasson	

Section 1: Title

This amendment shall be known and cited as the Voters' Right to Protect Marriage Initiative.

Section 2: Declaration of Findings and Purposes

The People of California have a compelling responsibility to protect the essence of marriage by ensuring that the civil institution of marriage between one man and one woman is not abolished or diminished. The People find that marriage between one man and one woman is diminished when government bestows statutory rights or incidents of marriage on unmarried persons or when government requires private entities to offer or provide rights or incidents of marriage to unmarried persons. The People further find and declare it is in a child's best interest to have a mother and a father, and that marriage rights for one man and one woman should be protected for the well-being of children, families and society.

Section 3: Marriage Protection

Section 1.1 of Article I of the Constitution is added to read:

- SEC. 1.1. a) Only marriage between one man and one woman is valid or recognized in California, whether contracted in this state or elsewhere.
- b) Neither the Legislature nor any court, government institution, government agency, initiative statute, local government or government official shall abolish the civil institution of marriage between one man and one woman, or bestow statutory rights or incidents of marriage on unmarried persons, or require private entities to offer or provide rights or incidents of marriage to unmarried persons. Any public act, record, or judicial proceeding, from within this state or another jurisdiction, that violates this section is void and unenforceable.